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The Board's meeting came to order at 3:40 pm on Saturday March 15, 2008 in the Selectmen's Office at the Fremont Town Hall at 295 Main Street. Present were Selectmen Gene Cordes, Peter Bolduc, and Donald Gates Jr; Selectman-elect Joe Dreyer; Moderator Bob Rydeen, Assistant Moderator Michael Rydeen; Town Counsel John Ryan, and Town Administrator Heidi Carlson.

There was some discussion about the length of the School District Meeting which was just coming to a close.

Selectmen reviewed the 2008 Town Meeting Warrant articles 6 through 23. Carlson submitted additional detailed information on the amount to be amended for the Highway Department winter budget (\$58,000) and the Solid Waste Collection (\$45,000) for the new trash and recycling pickup contract. This would amend the Selectmen's budget total to \$2,519,250.

Selectmen discussed the trash contract briefly and will schedule a meeting on Monday or Tuesday next week to finalize this decision.

Selectmen discussed the operating budget (category line by line) and any items not recommended by the Budget Committee. The largest of these amounts was the 3% cost of living increases in wages. Other particular items not recommended were also reviewed in case questions were posed on these differences.

Carlson advised the Board that Guerwood Holmes will speak to the Highway Department budget, road reconstruction warrant article, and the acceptance of Kenniston Way. Neal Janvrin will speak to the special revenue fund for the OHRV equipment. Carlson has information on all of the budget data, the mosquito and social service warrant articles, and background information on the balance of the warrant articles if needed.

Additional copies of the Town Report were distributed. Copies were also taken to Ellis School for further distribution.

At 4:40 pm, with no further business, the Board adjourned and all present proceeded to the Annual Town Meeting at Ellis School, 432 Main Street, scheduled to begin at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Carlson Town Administrator